

WILLIAM F. VILAS CALLED BY DEATH

Close of Career of Noted Lawyer and Statesman of Wisconsin

WAS ILL FIVE WEEKS,
BUT END CAME QUICKLY

Had Held Many Positions of Trust and Responsibility in Service of His Country

MADISON, Wis., Aug. 27.—Col. William F. Vilas died at 10:45 o'clock this morning, following five weeks of illness.

When Dr. Phillip Fox called upon the colonel this morning, he found him unusually cheerful and bright, and believed he showed signs of remarkable improvement.

Shortly after 10 o'clock, while the nurses were administering a bath to the patient, they noticed that he weakened very quickly. An attempt was made to get a doctor, but Colonel Vilas died before he could be reached.

Dr. Charles H. Vilas of New York who had been staying at the home, was not present at the death.

Dr. Fox says that the immediate cause of death was a stroke of paralysis.

Col. William F. Vilas suffered a cerebral hemorrhage early on the morning of July 20 at his home in Madison, His condition was so serious that E. F. Vilas, his brother, of Milwaukee was summoned, and for two days the physicians were unable to offer any hope of recovery. On the third day Colonel Vilas' condition was slightly improved. Since then his condition has remained

practically unchanging, although he had occasional bursts of seeming rallies, and on occasion he would answer questions by "yes" or "no."

William Freeman Vilas, ex-United States senator and lawyer, was born at Chelsea, Vt., May 7, 1849. He was the son of Hon. Levi E. and Esther G. Vilas. He was educated at the University of Wisconsin in 1868; at the University of Albany law school in 1869, and established practice in 1870. In 1871, 1872 and 1873 he recruited company A, twenty-third Wisconsin volunteers, and fought at the battles of Gettysburg and Vicksburg. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel commanding during the siege of Vicksburg, and was brevetted major for gallant command, August, 1863, and resumed practice of law. In 1885-'86 and 1881-'82 and 1897-'98, he held the position of register of the United States land office. He was trustee of the University of Wisconsin, and of the soldiers' orphans' home; member of commission to revise statutes of Wisconsin 1873-'8; member of Democratic national committee 1876-'8; member of Wisconsin legislature 1885; permanent chairman of the Wisconsin centennial 1884; postmaster general United States 1885-'88; secretary of interior January 1889-'92; secretary of the State senate 1891-'97; member of the commission which built the state historical library 1897-'98; member of the historical gold standard Democratic party national committee; member on resolutions, Indianapolis convention, 1896; member of the commission to revise the Wisconsin constitution 1898-'99; editor of *the Wisconsin* (volume 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 to 20, Wisconsin supreme court reports, 1898-'99), and of the *Annals of the Tennessee club of Milwaukee*.

LOMONG COOPER FORTY,
MRS. T. A. FORTY AND SON
HOT SPRINGS, Va., Aug. 27.—The three hundred and fifty guests of the Homestead hotel tonight presented Judge Lomong Cooper Forty with a silver loving cup, as a formal farewell expression of their regard. The presentation was made in the ballroom, where for an hour Burr McIntosh lectured and showed incidentally a half-dozen slides of the life of the great occupations and pastimes, taken during his stay of nearly two months in the

Speech making of a lighter vein, interspersed with music, and followed by a reception wherein the candidate and his family shook the hand of every guest, constituted an evening of good fellowship.

ship and animation. Judge Horace H. Lorton of Tennessee, a long-time personal friend of Judge Taft, presided, and proposed the presentation exercises with an expression of the personal interest which has been aroused in the candidate and his family by the daily friendly intercourse in the hotel. Judge Taft and Col. John C. McNary were escorted to the front while "Dixie" was played, and the colonel, in a most happy vein, presented the candidate, and Mr. Taft, in response, thanked the

Mrs. Taft was next brought forward, and received her cup at the hands of Mrs. Luke P. Blackburn. An even dozen little girls in white surrounded Master Charles Taft and made him the blushing recipient of a miniature loving cup.

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Plans for gathering the necessary funds to defray the expenses of the national Republican cam-

Seth M. Carter of Lewiston, Me.; Representative John M. Meeks of Newton,

class, and Col. Henry F. Lippert of Providence, R. I. will have charge of financial operations in their respective states, and they are empowered to name as assistants such men as they desire.

The state finance committees will work hand in hand with the national advisory committee, which was created last year.

The first formal meeting of the eastern

Tributes to Von Sternburg.

LEIPSIG, Aug. 27.—The body of Baron peck von Sternburg, the late German ambassador to the United States, lies today in Sternburg castle at Lutzehaus, surrounded by masses of flowers. Among the floral offerings are wreaths from

David Jayne Hill, the American Ambassador to Germany; Edwin V. Morgan, the American Minister to Cuba, and St. John affney, American Consul at Dresden.

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